

The Daily Courant.

Tuesday, February 6. 1705.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Feb. 7.

Madrid, January 20.

Ammunition and several Pieces of Cannon have been sent from Cadiz to the Camp before Gibraltar. The 17th instant the Baron de Pointis arriv'd here from Cadiz, and the same day had Audience of the King. The Marshal de Tesse is expected from Salamanca, to give his Catholick Majesty an Account of the Condition of the Troops that are quarter'd in Castile. Don Scipio Brancaccio, Governour of Cadiz, being unable to do Military Service by Reason of his continual ill State of Health, and having desir'd Leave to lay down that Government, it is given to Don Melchior d'Avellanada, formerly Governour of Ceuta. The Difficulties that have hitherto occur'd in the Siege of Gibraltar, both by the Rains that have fallen, almost without Intermission; and by the Succours the Enemy have put into the Place by Sea, do not hinder the Besiegers carrying it on with the same Vigour as at first. The 10th of this Month, the new Parallel Line was run out 40 Paces; the 11th it was perfected, and the Damage done to some Works by the Enemy's Artillery, (the Fire of which had been doubled for some days,) was repair'd. The 12th and 13th the Parallel Line was run out further, and other Works were continued for securing the Trenches. The Miners had advanc'd about 25 Fathom, but the Springs of Water they meet with retard their Progress. An Irish Deserter reported, that the Besieged had 60 Men kill'd in the Sally they made the 6th, and a greater Number wounded: and that they lost many Men daily, being principally incommoded by the Stones cast into the Place out of Mortars. The last Advices left them working to raise a Battery of 3 Guns on the Ruins of the Gate.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Feb. 12.

From the Camp before Gibraltar, Jan. 16. The 12th of this Month, we perfected the new Battery mention'd in our former; And threw into the Town a great Number of Bombs and Stones from out the Mortars we had plac'd on that Battery. That day the 2 English Frigates that lay at Anchor behind the Mole, weigh'd and stood out of the Bay towards the Ocean. A great Number of Fascines was brought to the Camp: And the Night following our last Parallel Line was run out 30 Paces. The 13th the Besieged made a great Fire all day from their Cannon and Musquets, kill'd 16 of our Men, and wounded 34, most of them dangerously. The 14th 350 Mules, loaded with Cannon-Balls and Powder, arriv'd in the Camp: Our Works were advanc'd considerably that day: We had 12 Men kill'd and 16 wounded. The 15th Advice was brought by an Express, that the Reinforcements we expect from Ciudad Rodrigo and Parts adjacent, had pass'd the Guadalquivir and were advanc'd to los Molares. We had 13 Men kill'd that day and 16 wounded. Last Night Don Bonifacio Manriquez Lieutenant General, and the Count de Pinto Brigadier, commanded in the Trenches; And notwithstanding the incessant Fire from the Place, our Approaches are so far advanc'd, that we have Ground to hope we shall in 2 or 3 days be at the Foot of the Glacis of the Counterscarp. An Irish Sergeant who deserted the Enemy and came over to us in the Night, having been examin'd reports, that the Besieged had a considerable Number of Men kill'd or wounded in the last Sallies they made upon us; that they lost a great many Men daily by our

Cannon, and by the Bombs and Stones thrown into the Place; that however, they rais'd a small Battery of 3 Guns, the day before, on the Ruins of the Gate of the Town which our Artillery had beaten down, to endeavour to ruin our Battery of Mortars; And that the Prince of Hesse Darmstadt encourag'd his Garrison extreamly, with hopes of a further and speedy Succour from Portugal. To day, the 16th, an Express brought us Advice, that the Reinforcements we expect, will infallibly arrive in our Camp the 18th. Whereupon the Marquis de Villadarias has begun to make the necessary Dispositions for carrying on our Attacks with greater Vigour immediately after the Arrival of those Reinforcements. This Morning a Detachment of 600 Horse and 1200 Foot, march'd towards las Algeiras; on what Design is yet unknown. The Enemy's 2 Frigates before mention'd, return'd to day into the Bay; And we are in great Apprehension the Squadron commanded by Sir John Leake will soon return likewise with fresh Succours.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Feb. 13.

Salamanca, Jan. 23. The Marshal de Tesse set out from hence yesterday for Madrid. The Marquis de Rivas has signified, that in a few days he will furnish part of the Sums necessary for raising Recruits and storing Magazines; that the Campaign may be open'd by the End of March. The Baron de Pointis who arriv'd at Madrid the 17th instant, is gone back from thence to Cadix. He is said to have represented to the King, that the Siege of Gibraltar would last a long time still, without a Fleet to besiege the Place at the same time by Sea. The Journal transmitted from the Camp before Gibraltar includes the 18th of this Month; but contains nothing very observable, more than that the Besiegers carry on their Works very slowly, for want of Ammunition and Artillery sufficient. The Marquis de Thouy was arriv'd in that Camp.

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Madrid, Jan. 25. The Marshal de Tesse, having view'd the Condition of all our Places of Strength on the Frontier of Portugal, and of the Troops garrison'd in them, arriv'd here to day from Salamanca; and going directly to the Palace, had Admittance immediately to the King, before whom he laid an Ample Report of the ill Condition in which he had found those Places and Troops, and besought his Majesty to apply a speedy Remedy, principally by issuing proper Orders for recruiting the Spanish Foot which are extreamly diminish'd, and establishing Magazines necessary for the Subsistence of the Troops, without which it would be impossible to take the Field against Portugal so soon as had been projected. The Siege of Gibraltar drags on: There are private Letters from the Camp before that Place, that contradict much of the publick News. To give one Instance, they assure us, that the Reinforcements they expected would not arrive there till the 28th of this Month.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Feb. 7.

From the Camp before Verue, Jan. 20. The Rain, the Snow, and the Thaw that follow'd, have retarded our Works; such an abundance of Snow especially has fallen; that the Besiegers and Besieged have been equally oblig'd to forbear firing: The King's Troops have born this terrible Weather with extraordinary Resolution and Patience; and are at present employ'd in repairing the Damage done by it to the Trenches and Batteries. The Count d'Estain is gone with the greatest part of the Horse, 8 Battallions, and 12 Companies of Grenadiers (these of the 8 Battallions being included,)

to Gaffa, on the Right side of the Po, to subsist the Troops there at the Expence of the Enemy. That Place is situate between Chivazzo and Turin, from the latter of which it is but 3 Leagues distant; and the said Count has dispos'd his Men into 5 good Quarters. During the March, the Garrison of Casal-Borgon, the Enemy's Hussars, and some of their Militia, attack'd the Rearguard compos'd of 250 Grenadiers and Fusileers and 50 Horse, commanded by the Count d'Angennes, who repuls'd them every Charge they made, yet had but 12 Men kill'd or wounded. The Sieur Fitz, who commands the King's Hussars, has made an Excursion up to the very Gates of Turin, whence he carry'd off a great Booty, and some Prisoners, among them the Major of the Regiment of Tana. This Excursion has so terrified the Inhabitants of Turin, that the Duke of Savoy has been oblig'd to send some Troops that way.

From the Paris Letter, dated Feb. 9.

Paris, Feb. 9. The Duke de la Feuillade sets out Post from hence to day for Savoy; whence 'tis advis'd that the Troops which are in that Dutchy and in Dauphine, are on their March to pass Mount Cenis. 'Tis design'd these Troops shall make a Diversion, to oblige the Duke of Savoy to quit his Camp of Crescentino. The last Letters from the Camp before Verue inform us, the Duke of Vendome, that he may lose no Men by the Enemy's Mines, had resolv'd to cut off the Communication of Verue with the Camp at Crescentino; and that in order thereto 2 Batteries were begun to be rais'd, one of 6 Guns the other of 14, to batter the Bridge on the Po and the Intrenchment that covers it; they were to be finish'd the 29th or the 30th of last Month, and to secure them Men were set to work to make a Line of 200 Fathom in Length. By this Means the Duke of Vendome hopes to carry this important Place very quickly; and even to make the Garrison, both of the Town and Castle, Prisoners of War. Letters from Mantua of the 26th of January confirm, that 120 Germans who sallied out of Mirandola to cut Wood for Fuel and get fresh Provisions, were surrounded by a Party of our Men employ'd in that Blockade, against whom they defended themselves in a House; but after 19 of them were kill'd the rest yielded themselves Prisoners of War. Our Naval Preparations are carried on vigorously in the several Ports; and 'tis confidently given out that before the End of March, all our Troops will be remounted and recruited.

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Versailles, Feb. 6. The 1st of this Month, the King made the Marshals de Cœuvres, de Villars, de Chamilly, de Chasteaurenaud, de Vauban, de Rosen, and de Montrevel, Knights of the Order of St. Michael: The Marshal d'Harcourt being indispos'd, was not Knighted. The 2d being the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin, the King held a Chapter of the Order of the Holy Ghost; and being preceded by the Officers and the Knights, and follow'd by the Prelates Commandeurs, the Knights Elec't walking first according to their Rank, repair'd to the Chappel, and assist'd at the Benediction of the Wax Candles and at the Procession. This done, his Majesty heard Mass sung to Musick, the Abbot d'Estrees, Prelate-Commandeur officiating; at the End of which, the K. gave the Collar of the Order to the Marshal de Cœuvres, who was led up to his Majesty's Throne by the Dukes de la Tremoille and de Chevreuse; to the Marshals de Villars, de Chamilly, and de Chasteaurenaud; led up by the Marquis d'Effiat and the Count de Solre: And to the Marshals de Vauban, de Rosen, and de Montrevel, led up by the Marquis d'Estampes and the Marquis de Puyfieuix. After this Ceremony, the Knights, each in his Rank, reconducted the King into his Apartment.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, &c. dated Feb. 13.

Paris, Feb. 6. The 1st of this Month a Courier arriv'd from Spain; but the Contents of his Dispatches were not made publick: Some private Letters from Madrid said it was begun to be talk'd at that Court that the Siege of Gibraltar would be discontinued till the Spring: The same Letters added, that the Spanish

Foot desert their Colours apace; that their Horse keep together better; and that the French want abundance of Recruits. Last Night another Courier from Spain arriv'd, who reports on the contrary, that the Court of Madrid is resolv'd to prosecute the Siege of Gibraltar, cost what it will; and that Monsieur de Pointis is to sail from Cadix with his Squadron, to favour by Sea the Attacks to be made by Land by the Reinforcements that were to arrive in the Camp before the Place, the end of last Month. The 3d of this Month the Marshal de Villars took leave of the King; and set out for Metz, where he propos'd to arrive the 6th, in order to visit the Posts on the Moselle, and take a Review of the Troops quarter'd in those Parts. 'Tis reported he has obtain'd of the King that almost all the Troops of the Household shall serve under him this Campaign; and that he has besides desir'd he may choose 8 good Leaders of Parties for his Army, fit to be detach'd on any Enterprize, as he shall find occasion. We have not been told the Names yet of all the General Officers that are to serve under him, or in the other Armies, tho' they are all already nominated. The King has sent Orders into the Province of Champagne, for 8000 Men of the Militia to be set to work upon a Line, (which is to be fortified with Redoubts at proper Distances and Pallisadoes,) between Moulon and Verdun; and Monsieur Bernard a noted Ingenier, is gone thither to direct and forward the Work: Orders are likewise given on the Frontiers for firing Beacons and ringing out Alarm-Bells, to give notice to the Peasants, if the Enemy's Parties should attempt to make Inroads and raise Contributions. The Ceremony of the Installation of the new Knights of the Holy Ghost, was perform'd the 2d of this Month. The Marshal de Cœuvres being a Grandee of Spain, was led up to the King's Throne single; the other 6 were led up 3 and 3. They were rank'd according to the Date of their Commissions of Marshal. The Marshal de Villars being a Duke and Peer of France, claim'd Precedency of all the rest; but they remonstrating that the Letters constituting him a Duke not being register'd in Parliament, he could not be acknowledg'd as such; his Majesty decided in their Favour. There was a Dispute too among the Prelates, about the Abbot d'Estrees; for it was urg'd, that he being neither a Cardinal nor a Prelate, ought to stand; but the King decided, that his Quality of Commandeur of the Order gave him a Right to sit. The Marshal d'Harcourt is to receive the Collar of the Order, at Whitsontide; Mean time the King allows him to wear the blue Ribbon; and he will take Place of the Marshal de Cœuvres, because he was made a Grandee of Spain before him.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Feb. 14.

Paris, Feb. 9. The Marshal de Villars is gone to the Moselle; 'tis said his Army with that which is to serve on the Rhine, will consist of 120 Battallions and 206 Squadrons; and that the Marshal de Rosen is to serve under him.

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Amsterdam, Feb. 13. The last Letters from Italy confirm, that Count Staremberg has left the Camp at Crescentino, and is gone by the Way of Nice, Genoa, and Florence, to joyn the Imperialists in the Bressan; in Order, no doubt, to make some speedy Attempt to succour the Duke of Savoy.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Tuesday being the Sixth of February, will be presented a Comedy call'd, The Plain Dealer. The Part of Manly to be perform'd by Captain Griffin. With several Entertainments of Singing and Dancing. And tomorrow will be presented the last new Comedy call'd, Farewel Folly, or, The Younger the Wiser. With several Entertainments of Singing by Mr. Leveridge, and Dancing by Monsieur Cherrier, Mrs. Moss, and others.

These Plays are Sold by Richard Wellington at the Dolphin and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard. Where you may have most Novels.

An Entertainment by

Mr. CLINCH of BARNET, who imitates the Flute, Double Curtail, the Organ with three Voices, the Horn, Huntsman and Pack of Hounds, and several other things too tedious to be inserted. To which is added, Dancing on the Ladder by Mr. Harvey the only Artist in the World, and Vaulting on the Horse. To be seen at Mr. Barker's Dancing-School in Mincing-Lane at the great Balcony, this present Tuesday being the Sixth instant, beginning exactly at Six a Clock in the Evening. price 1 s.